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Suicide by Textile Workers
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any details of the workers who have committed suicide in the textile related jobs and due to losses incurred by them;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the compensation paid to their families so far and the criteria adopted for paying compensation, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to avoid such suicide by textile workers in the country in future with some action plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a) to (c): No, Madam; However, in order to overcome/facilitate the problems faced by the textile workers in the country, Government has been implementing various policy initiatives and schemes such as, Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS), Schemes for Development of Silk and Sericulture sectors, National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP), Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme(CHCDS), Yarn supply Scheme, National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP), etc. Government is also implementing PowerTex India, a comprehensive scheme for Powerloom Sector Development.

Further, Government is also implementing social welfare schemes for weavers/ workers, such as Matatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana for Handloom weavers, the Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom workers, the Aam Admi Bima Yojana for handicrafts artisans, scholarship for children of jute workers etc. Government of India had introduced the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) to provide relief to workers rendered jobless due to permanent closure of Non-SSI Textile Mills in private sector. The TWRFS has now been merged with Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana RGSKY which provides an unemployment allowance for the employees covered under ESI Scheme, who are rendered unemployed involuntarily due to retrenchment/closure of factory etc. The Government had also approved a special package for textile sector with an outlay of Rs. 6000 crore to boost employment generation and exports particularly in Garmenting and Made-ups.

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